

ANOTHER JUMP IN TAX RATE

It Will Be \$1.75, or Five Cents More Than Last Year.

With This Increase It Is Hoped to Wipe Out Some of the Floating Indebtedness of \$24,552.33 City's Budget Presented.

Burlington's tax rate this year will be \$1.75.

Poll taxpayers will be assessed \$3.50 instead of \$2.00.

The tax rate was fixed Friday at a meeting of the board of aldermen. The rate as fixed is five cents more than last year, the increase being considered necessary for the purpose of meeting the estimated expenses of municipal administration based upon the actual expense of the last year and also to substantially reduce the accrued floating indebtedness, the payment of which Mayor Roberts believes "should not be imposed upon posterity," to quote his own phrase.

This last-named floating indebtedness is now \$24,552.33, and while the increased tax rate will not entirely clear this debt off the state it is expected that it will materially reduce the amount. The tax rate was included in a resolution adopted last night by the board, which also approved the estimated expenditures to be made in various departments as contained in the estimated budget prepared by the board of finance.

This budget of estimated expenditures for the coming year was presented by Mayor Roberts and contains a number of items fixed by law. The resolution is as follows:

"That a tax of one hundred and seventy-five cents on the dollar of the grand list for the year 1911 is hereby levied and assessed to meet the accrued and accruing expenses and liabilities of the city for the year ending December 31, 1911.

"That the city treasurer is directed to place to the credit of the school commissioners for the support of the public schools:

Public library	\$1,444.37
Police and criminal department	\$10,000.00
Fire department	\$25,000.00
Park commissioners	\$2,500.00
Public buildings	\$2,000.00
Street lights	\$15,000.00
Health department	\$2,500.00
Incidental fund	\$2,500.00
Sewer department	\$1,500.00
Charities department	\$5,000.00
Salaries	\$4,000.00
Interest account	\$25,000.00
State school tax	\$2,750.00
State highway tax	\$2,750.00
County tax	\$2,750.00
Hydrant tax	\$2,750.00
Water department	\$2,750.00
Band concerts	\$1,000.00
Street department	\$2,500.00
Sinking fund	\$2,500.00
Overdraft 1910	\$2,552.33

Total estimated expenses including overhead \$24,552.33. That the city clerk be and he is to make a rate bill of the foregoing tax as soon as may be and when completed to place the same in the hands of the city treasurer for collection, properly certified according to law.

Contained in this estimate by the board of finance is also a statement of the estimated receipts, as follows:

Rent	\$1,700.00
Licenses	\$1,700.00
Dog license	\$250.00
Fines and costs	\$1,000.00
Water collections	\$2,000.00
Total	\$7,350.00

Dealing in grand totals it will be seen that the total estimated expense to be met the coming year, including the overdraft, is \$24,552.33. From this should be taken the amount of the estimated receipts \$7,350.00.

This leaves a total of \$17,202.33. The tax bill of \$1.75 will raise \$24,552.33. This overdraft of \$24,552.33 was incurred during the past year, but the item includes floating indebtedness of two or three years past and has been gradually mounting up until it was deemed necessary by the aldermen and mayor as a step in the "go slow policy" to fix a tax rate that would materially reduce the debt.

A review of the city's reports for five years shows a steady increase in the tax rate and bonded indebtedness. In 1905 the tax was 75 cents, the net bonded indebtedness \$150,000 and the grand list only \$24,233.90. The bonded indebtedness is now \$24,552.33 and the grand list this year is \$24,552.33.

A FLY CATHISM.

Health Bulletin Gives Reason Why Insect Should Be Killed.

The quarterly health bulletin issued Friday by the State board of health contains some interesting reports on the work done at the Laboratory of Hygiene during the past three months. The total number of examinations made during the quarter was 1201.

Among other interesting features of the bulletin is a "fly cathism," adopted by the Indianapolis health board, which reads as follows:

Where is the fly born? In manure and filth.

Is anything too filthy for the fly to eat? No.

(a) Where does he go when he leaves the surface of the closet and the manure pile and the spittoon? Into kitchen and dining-room. (b) What does he do there? He walks on the bread, fruit, and vegetables; he wipes his feet on the butter and bathes in the milk.

Does the fly visit the patient sick with consumption, typhoid fever and cholera infantum? He does and may call on you next.

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